



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a debilitating, life-altering and potentially life-threatening illness. Currently, the cause is unknown and there is no cure; and
- WHEREAS: HS is considered an orphan disease characterized by clusters of abscesses or subcutaneous boil-like infections that most commonly affects the underarms, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin, and buttocks. Outbreaks of HS are painful and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation. This process often forms open wounds that do not heal and may lead to significant scarring; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 0.5–4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and postpubescent individuals are more likely to exhibit symptoms. According to recent research, those affected by HS experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: Patients with HS often endure a severely diminished quality of life. Understanding and compassion for HS patients from family, friends, medical providers, and the public at large is vital; and
- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnoses; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 5–11, 2017, as HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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